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Monday, 5 March 2012

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6729th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia[1]

Special report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2012/74)

[1]Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; room TB-08083; fax 1 (212) 963-4213). Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011) concerning the Libya

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. . . . . 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/66/L.28)

   General discussion

2. Joint Inspection Unit (A/66/34 and A/66/684) . . . . . [140]

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/66/674) . [142]

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 142 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/66/674))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 140 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/66/34 and A/66/684))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Committee.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are reminded that *Friday, 9 March 2012* is the deadline to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1 and E (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Regional Service Centre
3. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Carlos García González (El Salvador), on agreed conclusions under agenda item 3 (a) (i) ("Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges")

[Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.]

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
Informal consultations

In preparation for the upcoming substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, the Chair of the Commission will hold informal consultations with the First Committee experts of the Western European and Other States Group, on *Monday, 5 March 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held on *Monday, 5 March 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) and from 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan,

will be held on *Monday, 5 March 2012*, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, suite 230).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held on *Monday, 5 March 2012*, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., at the United States Mission (799 United Nations Plaza, 2nd floor conference room).

Other meetings

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Monday, 5 March 2012

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (informal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Monday, 5 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction]

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Tuesday, 6 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Informal briefing

Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting, the Fifth Committee will hold an informal briefing (closed) on enterprise resource planning/Umoja (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Assistant Secretary-General, Chief Information Technology Officer).

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Informal consultations

To prepare for the upcoming substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, the Chair will hold informal consultations with the First Committee experts of the Asia-Pacific States Group, on Tuesday, 6 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Liberia configuration

An informal meeting of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. The panellists will be the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Albert Chua; the Special Representative for Mexico's G-20 Presidency, Mr. Roberto Marino; and Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 12, and Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development".

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. *sharp*, on Monday, 12 March 2012. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, will deliver opening addresses, which will be followed by the statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies of the major institutional stakeholders.

There will be four consecutive informal thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate 1: Financing of sustainable development (Monday, 12 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Thematic debate 2: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Monday, 12 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.);

Thematic debate 3: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Tuesday, 13 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); and

Thematic debate 4: Financing of sustainable development (Tuesday, 13 March, from 3 to 5.45 p.m.)

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-622), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2170).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the four thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and would therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

Additional information on the meeting is available on the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2012/>.

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, are available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held as follows: Tuesday, 6 March 2012, from 3 to 5.45 p.m.; and Wednesday, 7 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) and from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held as follows: Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and Thursday, 8 March, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global road safety crisis" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR workshop on "Elections to United Nations organs"

Wednesday, 8 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy/NYworkshop>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 2 March 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

99th plenary meeting

Prevention of armed conflict . . . . . [34]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 34.

The Secretary-General made a statement, in the course of which he presented an oral report in accordance with paragraph 12 of resolution 66/253.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 34.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women

Fifty-sixth session

10th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

Continuation of general discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Uruguay, Thailand, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, El Salvador, Japan, Estonia, Israel, Cuba, Colombia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements were also made by the observers for Mali, Angola, Zambia, Lesotho, Botswana, Lithuania, Seychelles, Switzerland, Vanuatu, Slovenia, Guinea-Bissau, the Czech Republic, Tonga, New Zealand, Poland, Chile, Greece and Suriname.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

11th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, the Russian Federation and Eritrea.

Statements were also made by the observers for Afghanistan, Namibia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Barbados, Paraguay, Malta, Liechtenstein, Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Solomon Islands.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

6th meeting

Items for information. . . . . [4 (a) to (m)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Mongolia, the United States, Mexico, Cuba and Oman, as well as the observers for Cape Verde, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Nauru, Egypt, Tonga, Georgia, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Health Organization, the Caribbean Community and the International Statistical Institute.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of the information of documents E/CN.3/2012/19 through E/CN.3/2012/32, and thus concluded its consideration of item 4.

Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division) . . . . . [5]

The Commission began its consideration of the item and heard an oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Italy and Cameroon.

The Director of the Statistics Division made a comment.

Statements were made by the representatives of Suriname and Cuba, as well as the observers for South Africa and Finland.

The Commission took note of the proposed programme of work, as presented in the oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 5.

Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fourth session of the Commission . . . . [6]

The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch, Statistics Division, introduced the provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission, contained in document E/CN.3/2012/L.2, and a "Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission 2012-2015", contained in document E/CN.3/2012/33.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy and Mongolia.

The Commission approved the draft provisional agenda for its forty-fourth session, as outlined in document E/CN.3/2012/L.2, and its multi-year programme of work, as contained in document E/CN.3/2012/33.

The Commission decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that its forty-fourth session should be held from 26 February to 1 March 2013.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Report of the Commission on its forty-third session . . . . . [7]

The Rapporteur, Ms. Anna N. Majelantle (Botswana), introduced the draft report of the Commission, contained in document E/CN.3/2012/L.3, and the informal paper, which was circulated.

Statements on the text of the informal paper were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Suriname, Morocco, Mexico, Cuba, the Netherlands, China, the United States, Italy, Australia, Colombia, Germany, the Russian Federation and Japan, as well as the observers for Afghanistan, Kuwait, Egypt, New Zealand, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, India and Canada.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as by the observers for the European Union and Palestine.

The representative of the International Statistical Institute made an announcement.

The Director of the Statistics Division responded to points raised during the discussion.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission then adopted its report for the session, as contained in document E/CN.3/2012/L.3, and the accompanying text, as orally amended during the discussion, together with the draft decisions contained in the informal paper. The Commission also agreed to entrust the Rapporteur with finalizing the report.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of item 7.

Closure of the session

The Chair made a closing statement.

The Chair declared closed the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission.

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Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Japan (2 March 2012)

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